UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

WERNER AERO SERVICES, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

V.

CHAMPION LABORATORIES, INC.: PUROLATOR FILTERS N.A. L.L.C.; HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC.: WIX FILTRATION PRODUCTS; CUMMINS FILTRATION INC., THE DONALDSON COMPANY; BALDWIN FILTERS INC., BOSCH USA; MANN + HUMMEL USA, INC.; ARVINMERITOR, INC.; and UNITED COMPONENTS, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:08-cv-00474

Senior Judge Robert Echols Magistrate Judge Juliet E. Griffin

AGREED ORDER TO EXTEND TIME FOR DEFENDANTS TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT AND TO STAY DISCOVERY

This matter came before the Court upon the parties' joint motion to extend the time for Defendants to respond to Plaintiff's complaint and to stay discovery. Plaintiff Werner Aero Services ("Werner") has filed the above-captioned case ("Plaintiff's Action"), wherein it alleges antitrust violations by manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of oil, air, fuel and transmission filters ("Filters"), including but not limited to the defendants Champion Laboratories, Inc., Purolator Filters N.A. L.L.C., Bosch U.S.A., Mann + Hummel U.S.A., Inc., ArvinMeritor, Inc., Honeywell International Inc., Wix Filtration Corp. LLC, Donaldson Company, Inc., and Baldwin Filters, Inc., United Components, Inc. and Cummins Filtration Inc. (the "Defendants").

As set forth in the joint motion, the parties have represented that at least thirty-six complaints have been filed to date in federal district courts throughout the United States by plaintiffs purporting to bring class actions on behalf of direct or indirect purchasers of Filters alleging antitrust violations by manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of oil, air, fuel and transmission filters (collectively, the "Filters Cases"). The parties have also represented that four motions are pending before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("Panel") to transfer the Filters Cases for coordinated and consolidated pretrial proceedings in a single district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 (the "MDL Motion"). The Plaintiff consents to the Panel transferring and consolidating this case with the other Filters Cases, and anticipates the possibility of a Consolidated Complaint in the Filters Cases after the Panel issues an order on the MDL Motion and the Filters Cases are assigned to a transferee court (the "MDL Order").

As set forth in the joint motion and herein, the Plaintiff and Defendants (the "Parties") have agreed that an orderly schedule for any response to the complaint in Plaintiff's Action and any pre-trial discovery would be more efficient for the Parties and for the Court. As evidenced by the signatures of counsel to the parties below and as set forth in the joint motion, it appears to the Court that the parties are in agreement with respect to the terms set forth herein. Under these circumstances, and for good cause shown, the Court finds that the joint motion is well-taken and shall be GRANTED. Accordingly, the Court's June 5, 2008 Order is modified, and the Court hereby ORDERS, ADJUDGES and DECREES as follows:

- 1. The time for Defendants to answer, move, or otherwise respond to the complaint in Plaintiff's Action shall be extended until the earliest of the following dates: (1) if this case is transferred to another district pursuant to the MDL Order, the date set by that transferee court for responding to the Consolidated Complaint in the Filters Cases ("Response Date"); or (2) if this case is not transferred to another district pursuant to the MDL Order, thirty days after that Order, *provided*, *however*, that in the event that any undersigned Defendant should answer, agree or be ordered to answer, move or otherwise respond to the complaint in any of the Filters Cases prior to the Response Date, then that Defendant shall respond to the complaint in the Plaintiff's Action by that earlier date;
- 2. All proceedings in this action are stayed, including the Parties' obligations pursuant to Local Rules 16.01 and 23.01, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 16 and 26 and other applicable local and federal rules, until (1) this case is transferred pursuant to the MDL Order, in which case it will proceed on the schedule set by the transferee court; or (2), if this case is not transferred to another district pursuant to the MDL Order, thirty days after Defendants have answered, moved or otherwise responded to the complaint in Plaintiff's Action. Accordingly, the telephone conference set for June 16, 2008 also is cancelled; and
- 3. To conserve party and judicial resources and in light of the proceedings currently pending before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to consolidate and transfer all pending Filters Cases to one Court, this extension and stay is available in all related actions assigned to the undersigned to any defendant that provides written notice

to all plaintiffs of its intention to join this extension and stay, without further stipulation with counsel for plaintiffs in the related actions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June ___, 2008

JULIET GRIFFIN

United States Magistrate Judge

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